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Calvin Parker's Declaration

Tyrrenham April 4th 1842

I account it a privilege and esteem it a duty, to write a few words that may be kept as a memorial of my faith, in the late manifestations of the love and goodness of God, in granting the return of blessed Mother Sarah and our beloved Parents in the gospel in Christ to further establish the work of the new Creation, (in the minds of many) before all of her first-born children were gathered home in the world of spirits.

And my faith is fully established in the operating power of God revealed in and through the

the Spirit of Mother and those witnesses with her, in Spirit, in granting the gifts of God in Vision, Inspiration Spiritual sensations and discerning of spirits, which in some parts I have been a partaker.

And my thanks to God and to beloved Mother and those those beloved Parents with her, I do sincerely give for all the blessings and gifts I have received and the good I have treasured from their spirits. It shall be my earnest labor to treasure up all the gifts and blessings I have received into a good an honest heart, and make a wise improvement of the notice and

blessings of God to me

My name is Calvin Parker
Aged 43 years. I was gathered
among believers in Oct 1822
My place of residence is in
the first family at Tyringham

7th

Tyringham April

Beloved Spiritual Parents

I can with feelings of gratitude express my thankfulness for the many blessings and kind assis=tance I have received of late.

Time, never shall no more pass away without strict obedi=ence to the faith which I have received through the goodness of God and his faithful followers. For had not God in his un=bounded goodness condescen=ded to have granted the return of Christ ——

and blessed Mother, with the
rest of our heavenly Parents in
Spirit, I should never have
been able to effected the great
work I had undertaken. Yea,
truly, I feel greatly indebted
to God for the many precious
gifts and treasures that I have
received. And the comfort
I feel in true obedience to my
good faith I would not ex-
change for mountains of Gold.

Therefore, I can in humble
submission bow, every feeling
of my heart and soul to God,
also to Christ and Mother for
my precious privilege in the

gospel. I am determined to make it my constant labor to overcome evil with good. And I pray that the patience of my heavenly Parents may continue until I learn to do right, and finish my work that I have to do in time, so it may be said, Come well done good and faithful servant.

My name is Willard Johnson. I was born in the town of Ipswich Mass. May 5th 1802.

I was gathered among believers

in the year 1810. and am now in the 40th year of my age. My place of residence is in the first family at Tyngsborough Mass.

Desire Holt 1842

Tyringham April 7th

Having embraced the gospel of Christ revealed by our blessed Mother; I feel thankful for the privilege at this time, to express my faith which is firmly established; believing this, the pure and only way of God that ever will be offered to any soul.

And for the great priveledge I have enjoyed in the late manifestation of God, I am unable to express in words the feelings of my heart. Great has been the love and charity of God extended to my poor soul. Many have been the blessings and precious gifts that I

have been made partaken of. Yea often has my drooping spirit been revived and encouraged with the refreshing gifts of God. Often have I felt the pure love of my Heavenly Parents, and holy spirits showered down upon me which causes my spirit to weep with gratitude.

Now feeling myself in the presence of that God who will reward me as my works shall merit, I here promise my blessed Mother and all my heavenly Parents that I will ever more be obedient to my precious faith striveing to labor out of dofs. Yea, I will be faithful. I will spend my time in trying to do all the good I can for the honor of the gospel which our kind Mother with the rest of

our heavenly Parents planted through
severe sufferings.

These words I have given in the sincerity of my heart, and I will bear them in mind and labor to spend the remainder of my days on earth in a manner that I can meet my blessed Mother in peace.

My name is Desire Holt. I was born in the town of Norfolk, Litchfield Co. Conn. August 11th 1804.

[illegible] my age. [illegible] I was gathered among believers. in the year 1828. May
My place of residence is in the first family at Tyringham

Betsey Gardner

Tyringham April 4th 1832

I can truly say I feel thankful for this privilege to express my thankfulness for my privilege in the gospel.

It is my sincere determin=ation to set my feet firm and steadfast in Mother's gospel for I truly love her above all natural relation, and with her faithful children, I pray that I may forever spend my days; believing this to be the only way for me or any other one to be saved.

It is my faith to live in obedience to what is thought best for me, by the beloved Ministery and Elders. And in so doing I can find protection and in no other way. This is my faith, and is what I mean to live by.

O I will never go astray,
From this pure and heavenly way.

With a thankful heart I can express my sincere thanks, yea, I can bow low in humble submission to the Savior and all my heavenly Parents for the blessings and beautiful treasures they have bestowed upon me; also kindly thank all the

good spirits for helping me on heavenward.

It shall be my labor to treasure up and wisely improve every gift that has been given me from the Spiritual world with a good and honest heart.

My name is Betsey Gardner. I was born in the town of Oneida New York Nov. 7th 1806. I was gathered among believers in the year 1814. and am now in the 96 year of my age.

My place of residence is in the first family in Tyringham Mass.

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Beloved Ministry and Elders. I can with pleasure improve this opportunity in expressing to you the true gift of thankfulness, which I many times feel for my most precious gift of faith which God in his infinite mercy has blessed me with; for had not his boundless charity and mercy been exceeding great to my poor soul, I should undoubtedly lived to his sore displeasure and been cast of in his fury.

And I can in low and true submission to his holy

will bow, every feeling of
my heart and soul in thank-
fulness to him, also to Christ
and and our ever blessed
Mother, for my precious
privelege in the gospel. Yea,
that love and union I daily
feel in the gospel, and for
my brethren and Sisters, is
nearer and dearer than
all things else. And I do feel
mean to freely and willingly,
sacrifice every thing that
is contrary to the pure nature
of the gospel to gain an inher-
itance into Mothers vineyard.

I do feel truly thankful for
the many, yea many very

precious and heavenly
gifts which has been so bountifully bestowed upon me
from time to time; for they
have ever proved a great
strength and a comfort
to my needy soul; nor
would I for mountains of
gold exchange them nor
my privilege in the late
manifestation, for it is
worth more than all things
else.

I can say of a truth it is
not my labor to gain the
fleeting and transitory things
of time that are of so short
duration; but it is my

earnest prayer and labor
to be daily treasuring up
that abiding substance which
faileth not, but will be forever mine
in the days of eternity. And
I can with every feeling of my
heart and soul bless my
Heavenly ~~Father~~, that I
was called when I was but
a child by this the everlasting
gospel, believing it to be
the special notice of God to
me, that I might have a
privilege to be taught the
only way of God and how
to walk therein while in
my youthful days. And
it is my sincere determination

to be faithful and to stand
permanent and stedfast,
unto the end of my days.

My name is Harriet
Storrs. I was born in the
town of Winsted, Litchfield Co.
Conn. Jan. 30 1817.
I was gathered among believers
in the 10th year of my age,
and am now in my 25th year
My place of residence is
in the first family at Tyringham

Elvira Chapin

Tyringham March 5th

I am truly thankful for the privilege that I now have to express my faith and full determination to gain the prize that I have set out to obtain. Words nor language cannot extoll the thankfulness I feel that I was called and gathered into the fold of Christ when I was but a child, that I might learn the will of God my Heavenly Father, by walking in strict obedience to my beloved lead the holy Anointed of God on earth, which is my full determination.

I am truly thankful to my

heavenly Parents that I was counted worthy by them to suffer tribulation, that I could make known their mind and will in speaking many solemn and weighty messages from the holy spirits, and also the privilege of seeing and conversing with blessed Mother Ann and many more of the ministering spirits that once inhabited the earthly tabernacle, and suffered with Mother to plant the gospel in this land.

Many have been the comforting and heart-cheering words spoken by beloved Mother Ann to me, as well as from other holy spirits. And I will

ever strive to live in strict obedience thereto, that I may grow and increase in the way and work of God; for I have no interest but in this the ever blessed gospel that was planted by our beloved Mother and those with her, My dear brethren and sisters feel nearer and dearer to me than all things else in this world, and I am willing to forsake all things else for Christ's sake and the gospel.

Being young I feel myself but a child in the field of labor that lies before me to do: to gain eternal life, and may I never

cease to give thanks to God my Heavenly Father for all these things; but ever keep and bear them in mind and faithfully endure unto the end

My name is Elvira Chapins. I was born in the town of New- Marlborough Mass. June 12 1822 I was gathered among believers at the age of 14- and am now in the 20th year of my age. I live in the first family

Tyringham

Wealthy Stover

Tyringham Dec 25 1841.

I am truly thankful at this time for the privelege to express my faith and thankfulness for the privelege I daily enjoy in the gospel. I can say in truth I know that I have found the true and only way of God by walking in obedience to the counsel and good instruction that has been given me from time to time by the good Ministry and Elders. I fully believe them to be the Lords anointed and I will forever yield strict obedience to their teaching.

The gospel is my treasure and it is the greatest treasure that any soul can possess. And I do truly feel thankful for my blessed privilege with the people of God. Yea, I will live up to my good faith which God has blessed me with, and I pray that I may faithfully endure unto the end, and gain the treasure that I have set out for.

I will now close in thankfulness to God for the blessings which I do receive. Many times I feel that thankfulness which I cannot express to any one that I was called in my childhood to have a

privilege to be brought up
with believers.

Yea Sir thanks and gratitude
to God I will prize the day
in which I live, and for the
gifts and blessings which I have
received from blessed Mother
and the good ministering
spirits. I will forever keep
and live by them for they
have fed my soul with the
bread of heaven and water
of life, and yielded true comfort
which no wicked spirit can ever
take from me, if I am truly
obedient. And the love which
has been given me from blessed
Mother and the Holy Spirits

I would not exchange for all earthly pleasure or natural relation that I have in this world.

I am not afraid to promise that I will be faithful and true to my calling wherever I may be, or what ever may come, I will labor to keep in the strait and narrow way of self denial and the evil that I may travel out of sight. This is my faith and I am not ashamed of it before any creature living.

The promise given me by blessed Mother that I should become [illegible] was the gift of God has proved true, and my faith

in Mother Stars and the
good spirits has never or ever
will be altered, and I truly
love and bless every one of
her faithful children where
ever I see them, and this
I will make known by my
works.

My name is Wealthy Stowe
I was born in the town of Otis
Mass. June 1st 1820. I was
gathered among believers in
the 6th year of my age

I live in the first family
Tyringham